

# Adm Stockdale takes helm at Naval War College

Vice Admiral James B Stockdale relieved Rear Admiral Huntington Hardisty as President of the Naval War College in change of command ceremonies on the Navy's birthday, Oct 13.

The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral James L Holloway III, spoke at the 2 pm ceremony.

Vice Admiral Stockdale graduated from the US Naval Academy in 1946. During the next twenty years, he served successively as a destroyer officer, carrier aviator (fighter pilot), landing signal officer, test pilot, test pilot instructor, graduate student, aircraft squadron commander, and air wing commander. He had more flight time in the supersonic F-8 single seat fighter than any man in the world when he led the initial strikes against North Vietnam from a carrier deck in the Tonkin Gulf in August 1964.

Shot down and captured fourteen months later, during his second combat tour in Vietnam, he spent most of his seven and one-half years of imprisonment in solitary confinement. Despite repeated torture and years of restraint in leg irons and handcuffs, he maintained contact with his fellow Americans by clandestine means, setting standards and policy for the prisoners' organization and united resistance.

Upon his release in 1973, he was promoted to Rear Admiral and assigned as Commander of the Anti Submarine Warfare Wing of the US Pacific Fleet. He is the most highly decorated officer in the Navy, wearing 25 personal combat decorations including two Distinguished Flying Crosses, ten Air Medals, the Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Service Medals, four Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Vice Admiral Stockdale's civilian education, awards, and recognition include pre-Naval Academy study at Monmouth College (he was presented with their Distinguished Alumnus Award at the 1977 Commencement); two years (1960-62) as a graduate student at Stanford University, earning a Master of Arts degree and completing further studies;

receipt of the Navy League of the United States' John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership; and receipt of the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor.

Widely known for his public stand on patriotism and loyalty, he has been editorialized in numerous national publications and several of his many public addresses have been entered into the Congressional Record.

Vice Admiral Stockdale comes to the Presidency of the Naval War College with immediate past experience as the Director of the Strategy, Plans and Policy Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

He is accompanied by his wife Sybil (BA, Mount Holyoke College, MA, Stanford University). They are parents of four sons: James, a prep school teacher and graduate student in Georgia; Sidney, a high school teacher and football coach in Colorado, and Stanford and Taylor, fifth and third formers respectively, at the South Kent School in Connecticut.

Rear Admiral Hardisty assumed his present duties on April 1 from Vice Admiral Julian



Vice Admiral James  
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J LeBourgeois, when the latter retired from the Navy. He will become Commander Naval Forces Philippines and Commander, Naval Base, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, in December

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